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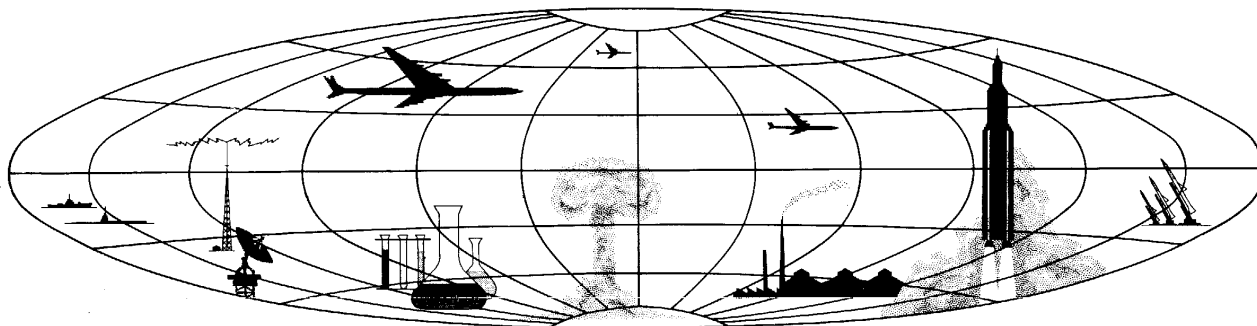


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PREFACE

THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY

DATED 12 JULY 1964 COVERING LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN THREE SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH SECTION ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY GEOGRAPHIC

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COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER.
AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO
REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION
IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE
USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF
COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION
OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1/250,000 AND
L004, 1/50,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE
SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN
A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE
AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL
TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED
PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH
THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS
ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED
ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE
INFORMATION.

SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGE, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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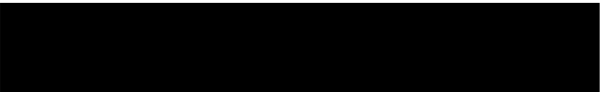
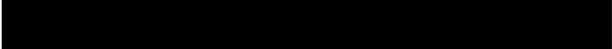
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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>ATTOPEU AIRFIELD</p> <p>ONE NM NW OF ATTOPEU AT UTM XB970375. 4,700 X 50 FT NW/SE LATERITE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE A PARKING APRON AND 2 SUPPORT BUILDINGS AT SE END OF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1448N 10649E	0738	25X1A [REDACTED]	101
<p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>ATTOPEU AREA, MILITARY AREAS</p> <p>FIVE MILITARY AREAS IN ATTOPEU VICINITY. (AREAS REFERENCED FROM ATTOPEU.)</p> <p>AREA A (0.6 NM NW AT UTM XB960374) -- ONE BUILDING, 5 SMALL SHEDS, AND 2 REVETMENTS.</p> <p>AREA B (ONE NM NW AT UTM XB966374) -- ONE LARGE BUILDING, AT LEAST 5 SMALLER BUILDINGS, NUMEROUS FIRING BAYS, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 AW POSITIONS.</p> <p>AREA C (UTM XB969364) -- FENCE AND TRENCH SECURED AREA CONTAINS 4 LARGE BARRACKS, 3 ADMINISTRATION-TYPE BUILDINGS, ONE PROBABLE VEHICLE SHED, APPROXIMATELY 10 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND ONE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.</p>	1448N 10656E	0738		101-A

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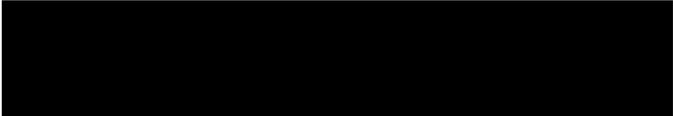
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			BE	NPIC
<p>AREA D — NOT COVERED.</p> <p>AREA E (SOUTH OF MUONG MAY ON SOUTH BANK OF RIVER AT UTM XB982360) — NEW TRIANGULAR STRONGPOINT CONTAINS NUMEROUS SMALL BUILDINGS, AW POSITIONS, FIRING BAYS, AND EXTENSIVE INTERNAL TRENCHING.</p> <p> 25X1D</p>				
<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>BAN NATHALANG — MUONG PHALANE ROAD (ROUTE 9) A 4 NM ROAD SEGMENT OBSERVED FROM MUONG PHINE (AT 16-32N 106-02E) TO 16-32N 105-57E. ROAD VARIES FROM SINGLE- TO DOUBLE-LANE, IS NATURAL SURFACE, APPEARS IN FAIR CONDITION, AND APPEARS TO HAVE A LIMITED ALL-WEATHER CAPABILITY. ALL STREAMS ARE SMALL AND ARE CROSSED EITHER BY SMALL WOODEN BRIDGES OR FORDS.</p> <p> 25X1D</p>	1632N 10602E	0617		389-A
<p>TCHEPONE—BAN NHANG ROAD</p> <p>A 14 NM ROAD SEGMENT OBSERVED FROM TCHEPHONE (16-43N 106-10E) TO MUONG PHINE (16-32N 106-02E). ROAD VARIES FROM SINGLE-TO DOUBLE-LANE, IS NATURAL SURFACE, IN POOR-TO-FAIR CONDITION, AND APPEARS TO HAVE A LIMITED ALL-WEATHER CAPABILITY. NUMEROUS WATER-FILLED RUTS ARE VISIBLE.</p>	1640N 10615E	0617		124-A

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			BE	NPIC
ALL STREAMS OBSERVED ARE SMALL AND CROSSINGS ARE MADE BY FORDS OR SMALL WOODEN BRIDGES. 				
25X1D TCHEPONE--LA HA ROAD (ROUTE 9) A 21 NM ROAD SEGMENT FROM 16-43N 106-10E TO 16-37N 106-32E. ROAD VARIES FROM SINGLE- TO DOUBLE-LANE, IS NATURAL SURFACE, IN FAIR CONDITION, AND SUITABLE FOR LIMITED ALL-WEATHER TRAFFIC. ONE MAJOR BRIDGE IS VISIBLE ON THIS PORTION AND APPEARS TO BE 4-SPAN, CONCRETE- AND STEEL-TRUSS, SPANNING THE BANG HIENG (RIVER). ALL OTHER SMALL STREAMS ARE CROSSED BY FORDS OR WOODEN DECK BRIDGES. TWO TRUCKS OBSERVED, ONE HEADING EAST AT 16-42N 106-10E, ONE PARKED AT 16-43N 106-10E. 	1643N 10612E	0617		124-E
25X1D -SOUTH VIETNAM-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
A LUOI AIRFIELD 0.7 NM NE OF A LUOI AT UTM YC386999. TWO SERVICEABLE RUNWAYS -- 5,600 X 90 FT NE/SW PROBABLE ASPHALT RUNWAY, AND 1,850 X 90	1616N 10714E	0617		263

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<p>FT (1,300 FT ASPHALT, 550 FT GRADED EARTH) N/S. A WALLED, DOUBLE-FENCED AND TRENCH SECURED FORT NW OF RUNWAY INTERSECTION CONTAINS 15 LARGE BUILDINGS, NUMEROUS SMALLER BUILDINGS, EXTENSIVE INTERNAL TRENCHING WITH NUMEROUS FIRING BAYS AND AW POSITIONS, AND ONE OCCUPIED AAA POSITION. TWO OTHER OCCUPIED AAA POSITIONS OBSERVED BETWEEN RUNWAY INTERSECTION AND FORT. AN ENTRENCHED OBSERVATION POST CONTAINING ONE BUILDING OBSERVED 2,000 FT WEST OF FORT. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>			25X1A	
<p>NGOK TAVAK AIRFIELD APPROXIMATELY 6,100 X 95 FT WNW/ESE PROBABLE ASPHALT RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE, WITH 300 FT GRADED EARTH OVERRUN ON EITHER END. FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE SMALL HANGAR, 3 ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, 50 BARRACKS, AND APPROXIMATELY 35 RESIDENTIAL-TYPE BUILDINGS. DEFENSES INCLUDE A TRIANGULAR-SHAPED STRONGPOINT AT EACH END OF THE RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY 20 TRUCKS OBSERVED IN AREA. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1522N 10745E	0738	[REDACTED]	130-A

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<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>TCHEPONE AIRFIELD</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1643N 10612E	0617		124
<p>MILITARY INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MUONG PHINE, MILITARY AREA</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1632N 10602E	0617		192
<p>BAN KENG KHAN KAO PROBABLE MILITARY CAMP</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1645N 10608E	0617		359
<p>BAN VANG NOU, POSSIBLE MILITARY CAMP</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1646N 10606E	0617		359-A
<p>KONG MY STRONGPOINT</p> <p>[REDACTED] 25X1D</p>	1431N 10652E	0738		137





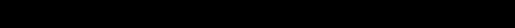
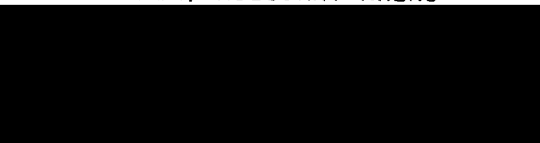
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-LAOS-					
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS					
BAN THAY, MILITARY AREA					
 25X1D		1635N 10604E	0617		192-A
BAN KHA DAP, PROBABLE MILITARY CAMP					
 25X1D		1637N 10630E	0617		411
BAN DONG, MILITARY AREA					
 25X1D		1638N 10625E	0617		270
TCHEPONE BARRACKS/STORAGE FACILITY					
 25X1D		1640N 10614E	0617		124-G
TCHEPONE, STRONGPOINT					
 25X1D		1641N 10614E	0617		124-F
TCHEPONE AREA, MILITARY AREAS					
 25X1D		1642N 10613E	0617		124-C

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APPENDIX

COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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